

MINUTES
NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 7, 2003
3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz
Vice Chair Patty Badenoch (arrived 5:34 PM)
Commissioners Sue Alsworth, John Horwitz, Dick Kiesell,
George Knowlton, and Nancy Wendorf (arrived 5:40 PM)

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead, Molly Edwards

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF 4/02/03 MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KIESELL MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2003 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER KNOWLTON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED 5-0.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION EFFORTS IN THE INDIAN BEND AREA

Joanie Mead summarized documents in the Commission packets: a memo from Ed Gawf to the Council in February 2003 regarding community revitalization efforts and the formation of an interdepartmental revitalization team to come up with an approach to neighborhood issues; and a Draft Indian Bend Area Strategic Plan. Missions of the revitalization team were to look for solutions for the area south of Indian Bend, to implement selected actions outlined in the Indian Bend Strategic Plan, and identify new actions to enhance quality of life and revitalize Scottsdale's neighborhoods. She also reviewed an attachment to the memo that listed all existing projects planned for these mature neighborhoods.

Commissioner Knowlton questioned the project for repairing Chaparral Lake liner and staff will follow up on that question.

In reviewing the Draft Indian Bend Area Strategic Plan, Ms. Mead noted that proactive activity could help avoid effects of aging of neighborhoods and these neighborhoods should be protected. She also pointed out how the Council's Goals were linked with the goals of this strategic plan. This plan has not been presented to the Planning Commission yet and the timeframe was not known at this time.

Issues facing mature neighborhoods could be grouped into one of three categories: infrastructure, revitalization, or building a sense of community. Funding options for each category were discussed and it was noted that many projects were already under way.

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The prototype plan of Sherwood Heights was discussed as an example of maintaining and enhancing the character of a neighborhood.

In conjunction with the efforts of this team, a 'windshield' survey (drive-by) south of Chaparral was done by student interns to identify areas or addresses needing repairs to sidewalks, streetlights, bus shelters, having abandoned vehicles, etc., and evaluating these on a point scale. Mr. Keagy discussed reasons for this survey and ways to determine the health of a neighborhood including crime statistics, age, vehicles, and maintenance issues. This type of information could then be turned into trends, and suggestions could be made to neighborhoods in a proactive manner.

Molly Edwards, Housing Resources Liaison, explained her role in the revitalization team: working on housing issues and helping people reinvest back into their homes and neighborhoods. One step was to make the process for home improvement as simple as possible, and Ms. Edwards described a binder being put together which included the basic steps. The process will also be on the Internet and available on a cd as well. It was hoped this approach would avoid 'bootleg' projects to homes.

Discussion also was held in regard to holding a Design Expo, providing financial incentives, and partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to utilize local business for renovations.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON CHANGES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Keagy said the Citizen Budget Review Committee had recommended to the Council that funding of \$75,000 for this program not be included in the new budget so, if the Commissioners chose to, they could phone or e-mail the Mayor and Council with their opinions. If the budget was approved without this funding, the Commission would need to reinvent themselves.

Mr. Keagy distributed a review of how NFP funds were used from 1999 – 2002, along with the amount of funding invested by the community.

Ms. Mead again referenced the Sherwood Heights prototype plan as described in the Draft Indian Bend Area Strategic Plan. The Sherwood Heights neighborhood did not want an HOA but agreed on some restrictions such as building height. Other issues were undergrounding of power lines, enhancement of entry ways, and finishing the edge of pavement on 56th Street, which are examples of what could be done with assistance from the city and NFP.

Ms. Meade distributed and discussed a document comparing Neighborhood Funding Programs for the cities of Tempe, Glendale, and Seattle. Evaluating different programs will be helpful in creating a new program for Scottsdale.

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STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Commissioner Alsworth informed that she would not be able to attend the meetings in June or July.

Mr. Keagy discussed a flyer from the Leadership Center promoting an event and encouraged Commissioners to check the website to review the agenda.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02)

Davida Shiffman-Smith, 5426 N 82nd St, discussed several items including the Human Relations Commission's need for sponsors for promoting unity in the community; taxing other resources, hazardous intersection of 68th/Thomas, long-term land leases, putting green at the dog park, and Arizona Plane trees at Chaparral Park.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

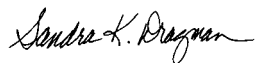
The next meeting date will be June 4, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

Vice Chairman Badenoch requested a future agenda item on changing the ordinance to force commercial properties to keep up their yards and be better stewards of their land.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Dragman
Recording Secretary